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**THREE DELAWARE JUDGES NAMED AMONG THE 500 LEADING LAWYERS  
NATIONWIDE**

Three Delaware judges -- Myron T. Steele, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Delaware; William B. Chandler, III, Chancellor of the Court of Chancery; and Leo E. Strine, Jr., Vice-Chancellor of the Court of Chancery -- have been named among the 500 leading lawyers in America. Lawdragon, an industry publication published its list of the 500 leading lawyers in America, based on 15,000 nominations of more than 1.1 million lawyers in this country. Steele, Chandler and Strine were selected based upon their important work affecting corporate law in America.

Of the 500 leading lawyers named, less than 5% are currently serving as judges, with Delaware ranking second only to the United States Supreme Court in the number of judges on the list. No other State had more than one judge on the list. The survey also gave Delaware Courts the "thumbs up" as "hot," focusing on the Harris Poll State Liability Systems Ranking Study conducted for the United States Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, which rated Delaware as the number one court system overall and Delaware's Superior Court as the premier court of general jurisdiction in the country.

Governor Ruth Ann Minner stated that "We in Delaware are extremely proud of our excellent bench and bar and will work to keep our legal system among the best in the nation. It is gratifying that members of our judiciary and three esteemed attorneys have again been recognized on a national level."

Helen Winslow, president of the Delaware State Bar Association, noted that "Delaware's courts are ranked top in the country, and Delaware corporate law is admired and emulated throughout the world. Chief Justice Steele, Chancellor Chandler, and Vice Chancellor Strine have made enormous contributions to both of those Delaware success stories."

In addition to the high ratings of Delaware judges, three Delaware attorneys were included on the list: William T. Allen, former Chancellor of the Court of Chancery and now with the firm of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz; Laura Davis Jones of the firm of Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young, Jones, and Weintraub; and A.Gilchrest Sparks III of the firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsht, and Tunnell.

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